



**ADH – Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission (ATSC)
Conference Call Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2022**

Commissioners Attending: Andrea Allen, Chair; Nick Fuller, Commissioner; Cristy Sellers, ADH Designee for Renee Mallory; Dr. Ken Knecht, Commissioner; Mary Franklin, Commissioner; Jim Hudson, Commissioner; Dr. Roddy Lochala, Commissioner; Jerri Clark, Commissioner

Staff Attending: Matt Gilmore, ADH; Zsanica Ervin, ATSC

Guests: Becky Hall, UAMS East; Amy Leigh Overton-Mccoy, UAMS-COA; Liz Gates, COPH; Emily Lane, UCA; Joy Gray, TPCP; Jimie Jarry and Dr. Bobby McGee, ABI; Joe West, Assistant Arkansas Attorney General; Este Frazier, Beatriz Mondragon, and Kenya Eddings; AMHC

Minutes Recorder: Zsanica Ervin, Administrative Specialist III

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to Order/Quorum/ Introduction of Attendees	Chair Andrea Allen called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Zsanica Ervin called the roll for the Commission members. A quorum was established. Attendees introduced themselves and gave their organizational affiliation.
Review/Approval of November Minutes	Chair Allen asked for a motion to approve the November 10, 2021, minutes for the Commission. Commissioner Jim Hudson made a motion to approve, and it was seconded by Commissioner Nick Fuller. The motion passed unanimously. The Commission's November 10, 2021, meeting minutes were approved.
Director's Report	Matt Gilmore began with the Financial Report. He reported the current monthly expenditure summary was for the month of December, and it is usually received around the 9 th or 10 th of the month. He noted the report shows the Commission being well under budget. Mr. Gilmore then went on to discuss the Treasury report, he stated the current report was for the month of December and hadn't received the month of January yet. He reported the investment income was not great for the Commission at this time and he would be reaching out to the Treasurer's office, however there is a good fund balance which could be used if needed. He mentioned that the Commission operates from the income that it receives from the Treasury investments. He added the income for December was about \$700.00, which isn't good. He added if there were any questions, he would be happy to address them or get more information. Matt Gilmore stated the UCA contract would expire in June of this calendar year, and he would like to renew it for a two-year time period instead of the annual period.

	<p>Matt Gilmore gave a brief explanation of the CSA Review. He explained the Control Self-Assessment looks at potential risks associated with agencies, and it is completed on a two-year cycle by every department. Matt Gilmore stated if there are any questions, please email himself or Zsanica Ervin. The Commission discussed and reviewed the CSA Report.</p> <p>Matt Gilmore explained the Expense Approval Request and stated it was something that needed to be a motion and approval for 2022. He explained that it was done every year by most boards, commissions, and business areas. Mr. Gilmore also stated there hasn't been any expenses lately due to Covid -19 and the inability to travel or have face to face meeting but in the future if the Commission starts meeting again in person mileage reimbursements, as well as parking expense, will be paid to some that live outside of the area. Chair Allen asked for a motion to approve the Expense Request. Commissioner Nick Fuller made a motion and Commissioner Jerri Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Expense Request was approved.</p> <p>Chair Allen asked Matt Gilmore if he had anything else to discuss. He replied the fiscal session was starting soon and there were several programs and state agencies who appropriation bills were filed yesterday. He said these will be monitored to see if there are any issues, but he said he didn't see any issues at this time. He also reported the previous quarterly report was presented to the Public Health Committee, and it went well, however there were several questions related to tobacco use and research. Chair Allen thanked Matt Gilmore and commented if there was anything they could do to help to let them know.</p>
<p>April - June 2021 Quarterly Report</p>	<p>Chair Allen began by reporting that the programs' progress was up 70% and COVID was also impacting the programs with workforce issues and lack of volunteers as well as effecting all in attendance. Chair Allen explained there would be more updates and progress will be reported in the next quarterly report. She asked if anyone had any questions. She then asked if Emily Lane or of anyone from UCA had anything they would like to add about the quarterly report. Emily Lane replied that Chair Allen had provided a complete summary. Chair Allen thanked Emily Lane and asked again if there were any questions.</p> <p>Chair Allen asked for a motion to approve the April - June 2021 Quarterly Report. Commissioner Jim Hudson made a motion and Commissioner Mary Franklin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The April - June 2021 Quarterly Report was approved.</p>
<p>Indicator Updates</p>	<p>Emily Lane (UCA) explained she was speaking on behalf of Janet Wilson (TCPC evaluator) and she began by discussing the proposed indicator updates. TCPC and UABP programs are updating the goal dates for all indicators, and this is done every year. She asked if there are any questions, and if so Joy Gray and herself were able to answer them. Chair Andrea Allen asked for a motion to approve the indicators changes. Commissioner Jim Hudson made a motion to approve the changes and Commissioner Mary Franklin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The indicator changes were approved.</p>
<p>ATSC Program Updates</p>	<p>Amy Leigh Overton-Mccoy (UAMS-COA) stated she would be focusing her report on the aspects of impacts and outcomes. She stated they are continuing to do educational programs and there has been no small</p>

groups or in-person activities, and they have been totally remote for the past six weeks. She explained that this year's focus is still on fall prevention and pain management with the nonpharmacologic aspects. She also stated they are working with care giving and dementia aspects as they continue to incorporate physical activity into all areas for older adults and their families across the state. She stated they have initiated the statewide Drums Alive program for over a year, if anyone isn't familiar with the program, they could get information about it off the UAMS - COA Facebook page. She explained their Zoom programs are where older adults and their families can check out equipment so that they can do the exercise at home or as small group activities. She added that older adults, who participated in this program, are seeing an increase in their mobility and reducing falls by self-report almost up to a 50% reduction. She stated Tai Chi is an evidence-based program for fall reduction and they are focusing on comparing Tai Chi data with Drums Alive to see if there are any benefits over one or another. She stated they are excited about getting the program going in the delta area of the state. She also explained that while working with the Arkansas Department of Health, this not only in a face-to-face program, but that it has been proven to be evidence based with the CDC. However, with COVID, they started doing it more in a virtual concept and being more interactive with older adults to ensure their safety as well as a hybrid model where they were able to attend in person or through technology. She stated they are finding that older adults throughout the state are really enjoying having that option. They are reducing fatigue up to 30% to 50% and reducing their pain almost up to 50%, from what they are reporting from start to finish. She added they are having great outcomes. She also said they are focusing on Dementia and Lewy body dementia with Parkinson, and are working with health care professional students, and health care professionals in the community, so they would know what it is like from the patient's perspective or their loved one's perspective in having Dementia or Lewy body dementia with Parkinson. She stated they have been working on a prevention plan to put in place, as well as an appropriate search and rescue plan across the state for older adults. She stated they are working with paramedics, police departments, and volunteer fire fighters across the state to have search and rescue efforts, if needed, instead of search and recovery. She stated they are excited about the progress they are making despite restrictions with COVID. She asked if there were any questions. Chair Allen asked if anyone had any questions and thanked Dr. Overton-Mccoy for her report.

Mary Franklin (TSMEP) begins by explaining their Tobacco Settlement Medicaid Expansion Program update. She stated it covers Medicaid claims in four different groups. The first one is pregnant women, who have income above 133% of the federal poverty level up to 200%, The second group are seniors 65 and up who have income at or below 80% of the federal poverty level, and third are hospital benefits for adults who are 19 years old and over. It reduces out-of-pocket co-pay for adults illegible for Medicaid who would have to pay on the first day of hospitalization and reduces their expense. It also covers days beyond 21 days in the hospital. The final group is a program with The Division of Developmental Disability Services. This is for individuals in the community. The Employment Support Waiver and the Tobacco Settlement Expansion covers the cost of 500 slots. She said they are able to serve additional people because of the funding. She

added for this quarterly report there is some good news and increases. She stated they have covered over 25,000 eligible pregnant women, seniors, hospitalized adults and persons with developmental disabilities, which is an increase of over 12,000 from the previous quarter. She stated they were able to leverage \$23.9 million in federal Medicaid matching funds with the Tobacco Settlement funds used to pay the state portion of those Medicaid claims. She stated since the numbers had changed so much, she would give an additional explanation. She added three out of four of the groups saw an increase, and the largest increase was in hospital claims because the legislation allows them to cover hospitalizations for adults 19 and up. She said they had been limiting those claims to ages 21 and up but made modifications so that they are actually covering those adults who are above age 18 up to 21. They also have changed the program so that days beyond 21 are covered for Medicaid recipients, but just covered at a reduced rate, and accounted for in a large amount for this quarter. She stated there was a decrease with the pregnant women, but they are not disenrolling during the National Public Health Emergency. She also added a Medicaid recipient will not be ineligible, unless it is due to death or they have moved out the state, requested DHS to close services, or become incarcerated. She stated she would be more than happy to answer any questions. Chair Allen thanked her and asked if there were any questions.

Beatrice Mondragon (MHI) stated they have the programs Southern Ain't Fried Sunday, Mobile Health Units, Camp Ican, and other sponsorships being implemented. She stated she would like to start off with their Mobile Health Unit. They have provided 8,171 screenings, served 1,109 participants, and attended 53 events. She stated they are working on Camp Ican and preparing it for the summer. They will also provide nutrition education and physical activities, and mental health as well in the camp. The Southern Ain't Fried Sunday has increased in participants. She stated they currently have a Health Specialist who is now working on social media needs and has been going to community events but also giving out educational information relating to stroke risk, tobacco, Southern Ain't Fried Sunday, Camp Ican, and other programs. She stated they now have a full-time nurse and are hoping for increases in how many participants they see at events, the number of events, meet additional needs, and bring in new initiatives. She asked if there were any questions. Chair Allen thanked her and asked if there were any other questions or comments.

Dr. Bobby McGee (ABI) stated they have been focused on getting their annual report out and provided a couple of highlights on it. He explained their grant leverage is higher than it has ever been, and it will be about \$4.2 million dollars. Some of the increase is due to Covid and a large portion is due to hiring new faculty. He stated they were able to hire 27 new staff and many of them were funded. He mentioned they are still not able to have the annual symposium but are hoping next year they will be able to have it. He stated on February 26th he will be doing an interview with former Governors Huckabee, Beebe, and also Dr. Joe Thompson with ACHI. He added they will be talking about the history of the Arkansas Tobacco Settlement and how it all started out and will focus a lot on ABI. He asked if there were any questions. Chair Allen asked did anyone else have any question or comments.

Liz Gates (COPH) stated they have been busy and the biggest thing that has happen is their re-accreditation. The final report was submitted and a site visit by their accreditation agency was conducted in early December. They also received a good preliminary report a couple of weeks ago and had five areas that need work. She stated there are four categories. Incompliance, which means partially met, therefore they have a few things to work on but there is not great concern. Another category is met with commentary, which is the one they need to work on, but also not a huge concern. She stated another one is partially met, and there are issues, but they want to see these corrected and to report in six or eight months. She added they received two partially met because they didn't have the data due to changes in their curriculum from alumni and a few doctoral students to provide information needed. They also had commentary in their capstone project for the masters and doctorate program due to lack of data. She stated they will be able to submit a report providing feedback on issues of facts and substance, and then will provide this information to the accreditation agency by April. They will also write their final report which will go to the Board of Council in late spring. She stated they will get re-accreditation results in the summer, and fully expect to be re-accredited for the next seven years. She stated they are excited to have the site visit completed. She added they had four faculty to retire and three new faculty to start. She stated they were recently made aware of a very large grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration. This grant is a community base workforce for COVID-19 vaccine outreach, it will expand community base efforts to inform and education different populations in Arkansas on Covid-19 vaccine confidence and improve the vaccination rates. She added they have \$9.9 million dollars to spend over nine months and she believes it starts this month. She asked were there any questions. Chair Allen asked if there are any questions for Liz Gates and then thanked her for her report.

Dr. Becky Hall (UAMS East) stated this quarter has been a struggle for them due to COVID which has caused some of their programs to shut down. She added on a more positive note, the fitness center opened back up this past Monday. She stated despite COVID, they have continued to do some programs such as Prosthetic and Cancer Screenings in Lake Village, as well as Helena, a blood drive and mammography screening in Helena where 25 women participated, and health education programs for about 7500 youth and adults. She stated they have been working with Phillips Community College and University of Arkansas in their Wellness Program and child safety classes at the East Central Arkansas Community Correctional Center in West Memphis, where 39 women went through the classes. She stated they are also doing diabetes education with that population and parenting classes. She added when the parenting classes are complete, and the inmate is released, they are able to get their child back. She also stated the Kids for Health program started again and there is a total of 5500 children in kindergarten and 3rd graders to complete the program. She stated they offer CPR and first aid for consumers which include foster parents training for CPR and health care professionals. She explained they have been doing a lot of work with the Arkansas Delta Regional Obesity Project and have two mobile food pantries where 75 people were able to receive 2,000 pounds of shelf stable food. She stated they have worked with the Arkansas Food Bank in

	<p>Helena and provided personal hygiene kits to 125 people while they were picking up their monthly food boxes. They also provided 250 dental kits to some of the program participants at the Boys and Girls Adult Community Development Center in Marvell. She stated during October and December, they had 6,000 encounters in the fitness center, and the walking trail has picked up as well. She added they are doing good work controlling hypertension and diabetes in patients. They also now have a virtual cardiology clinic twice a month. She stated patients can receive labs and testing without having to go to Little Rock and now can conduct virtual visits for Endocrinology, HIV, and see a clinical nutritionist. She stated the smoking cessation program has increased with 23 participants last quarter. She stated they have provided numerous COVID testing, and vaccinations and the clinic are one of the few sites around the state that has Monoclonal Antibody Therapy. She mentioned they will be having a MASH program this summer, which is a statewide camp for children interested in health careers. It will be for one week this time. She also added the Food Pharmacy is getting closer to opening and hopes to open by March 1st. Becky Hall asked if there were any questions. Chair Allen thanked her and asked if there were any questions.</p> <p>Joy Gray (TCPC) stated they are moving along with Be Well Arkansas, which has seen some uptake in calls. She stated the Tips Campaign with the CDC starts in February and runs to the end of September. They expect that they should see an increase in calls to the quit line. She added they have also started using testimonials from Arkansas for their efforts at the CDC. She stated she will be doing an interview this week that will be featured with the National Conference on Tobacco and Health. She stated they will interview her about the testimonials and how their program accomplishes things in Arkansas. She stated this is a big win for their program. She added they are almost at 10,000 patients enrolled and in 3 1/2 years. She stated they are still working on Be Well Baby, which is the program for pregnant smokers. They have about 55 enrollees and six that have completed the program. The program is a 10-call protocol call, four prenatal and six postnatal. She stated on the program side of TCPC, they are having to do a lot virtually. She also added in March they are going into some of the mental health and substances abuse facilities around the state. They will be offering training called Coping Dimensions, which comes from the University of Colorado and provides a two-day tobacco training. In this training, people learn how to lead groups. She stated they are focusing on substance abuse and mental health. They have 13 signed up for next month's class and 17 spots left but are sure they will fill up quickly. She stated if anyone has or knows of any particular group or facility that is interested in learning about tobacco treatment and prevention or the pregnancy program, they can contact her. She also stated they provide all the training at no cost, and it is done multiple times a year. Chair Allen congratulated her and asked if there were any questions for Joy.</p>
Other Business	<p>Chair Allen asked if we could meet in person at the upcoming meeting April 13th, 2022. Matt Gilmore stated that we could plan on doing that for the upcoming meeting. Emily Lane reminded everyone that they were wrapping up their data collection for the qualitative project for the biannual report. She reminded the</p>

	programs about information that was still needed. She also wanted to thank everyone that had already done interviews.
Meeting Adjournment	Chair Andrea Allen asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Nick Fuller made a motion and Commissioner Mary Franklin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.